

Thomas M. Talbott House  
HO-893  
3864 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City  
Howard County  
ca. 1910  
Private

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The house is the main building on the property. The Talbott house is a 2-1/2-story, 3-bay, center-hall Colonial Revival house with a gable roof. A sunporch projects from the east (side) façade. The house, which is set on a brick-faced foundation, is now covered with vinyl siding, has an asphalt roof, and has replacement windows.

The Thomas M. Talbott House is associated with events that have made a contribution to the broad patterns of Howard County history. Constructed for the Talbott family, who were Ellicott City merchants, the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of the pattern-book suburban houses built by prosperous members of the professional and merchant classes in Howard County in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Thomas M. Talbott House also embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, period, and method of construction. Colonial Revival style pattern-book houses were amongst the most popular National types in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> c.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-893

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas M. Talbott House

other N/A

## 2. Location

street and number 3864 Old Columbia Pike \_\_ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City \_\_ vicinity

county Howard

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John and Doris Slack

street and number 3864 Old Columbia Pike telephone n/a

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Land Records liber 375 folio 543

city, town Columbia tax map 25 tax parcel 24 tax ID number 02-244098

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Thomas M. Talbott House (3864 Old Columbia Pike) was surveyed from the public way because the owners did not grant permission to survey the property. This should provide enough information for general inclusion in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. However, additional documentation should be taken if the property is going to be developed or if the house is going to be demolished.

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The primary façade of the Talbott house faces south. The south façade is symmetrical about its entry bay. The house features an accentuated front door consisting of a pedimented entry porch supported by slender columns covering a front door accented by a transom and sidelights. The entry is flanked by window openings on the 1<sup>st</sup> story. The 2<sup>nd</sup> story has three window openings, which are vertically aligned with the 1<sup>st</sup> story openings. Two gabled dormers pierce the front roof slope. The south façade of the sunporch has a double window opening that holds a pair of windows. The side and rear facades are not visible from the public way.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

<b>Specific dates</b>	1910, 1961	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	ca. 1910		

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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### Owners and occupants

The Slacks, who own and operate the Funeral Parlor across the street, are the house's second owners. Thomas M. Talbott inherited the property where the house is located from his father, Edward A. Talbott, who owned a prominent and longstanding hardware and lumber business on Main Street in Ellicott City. In 1910, Thomas M. Talbott lived with his in-laws on Frederick Road. In that year, the family consisted of Charles A. Gerwig (aged 61) – a merchant who lived and kept a general store in Pine Orchard (HO-138, demolished), his wife Barbara (aged 53) – a saleswoman at the store, daughters Ida May (aged 29) – the store's bookkeeper, Maggie (aged 25) – a saleswoman at the store, son Arthur Lee – a tenant farmer, daughter M. Sophie Talbott (aged 23), son-in-law T. Murray Talbott (aged 32) – a lumber and hardware merchant, and an African-American servant Louis Dorsey (aged 15) – who drove deliveries for the store.<sup>1</sup> By 1920, Talbott and his family were living at the house on Old Columbia Pike. At that date family consisted of Thomas (aged 41), Mary S. (aged 32), their children Margaret (aged 5) and Barbara (aged 3), and an African-American servant Elvira Dorsey (aged 16).<sup>2</sup> By 1930, two of Mary's widowed sisters, Margaret Kirn (aged 45), and Ida Dugan (aged 49) also lived with the Talbott family.<sup>3</sup> Mary S. Talbott, widow, sold the house to the Slacks in 1961.

<sup>1</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Thirteenth Census of United States: 1910, Population Schedule**, E.D. 51, Sheet 17A.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fourteenth Census of United States: 1920, Population Schedule**, E.D. 58, Sheet 10A.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, E.D. 14-4, Sheet 2B.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule, 1860, 1870, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930.**

Hopkins, G.M. **Atlas of Howard County, Maryland, 1878.** Ellicott City, MD: Howard County Bicentennial Commission, Inc., 1975.

Howard County Land Records, Dorsey Building, Columbia. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1.35 acres

Acreage of historical setting 1.35 acres

Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Thomas Talbott House corresponds to Howard County Map 25, Grid 13, Parcel 24, which is the building's current and historic lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning	date	June 16, 2005
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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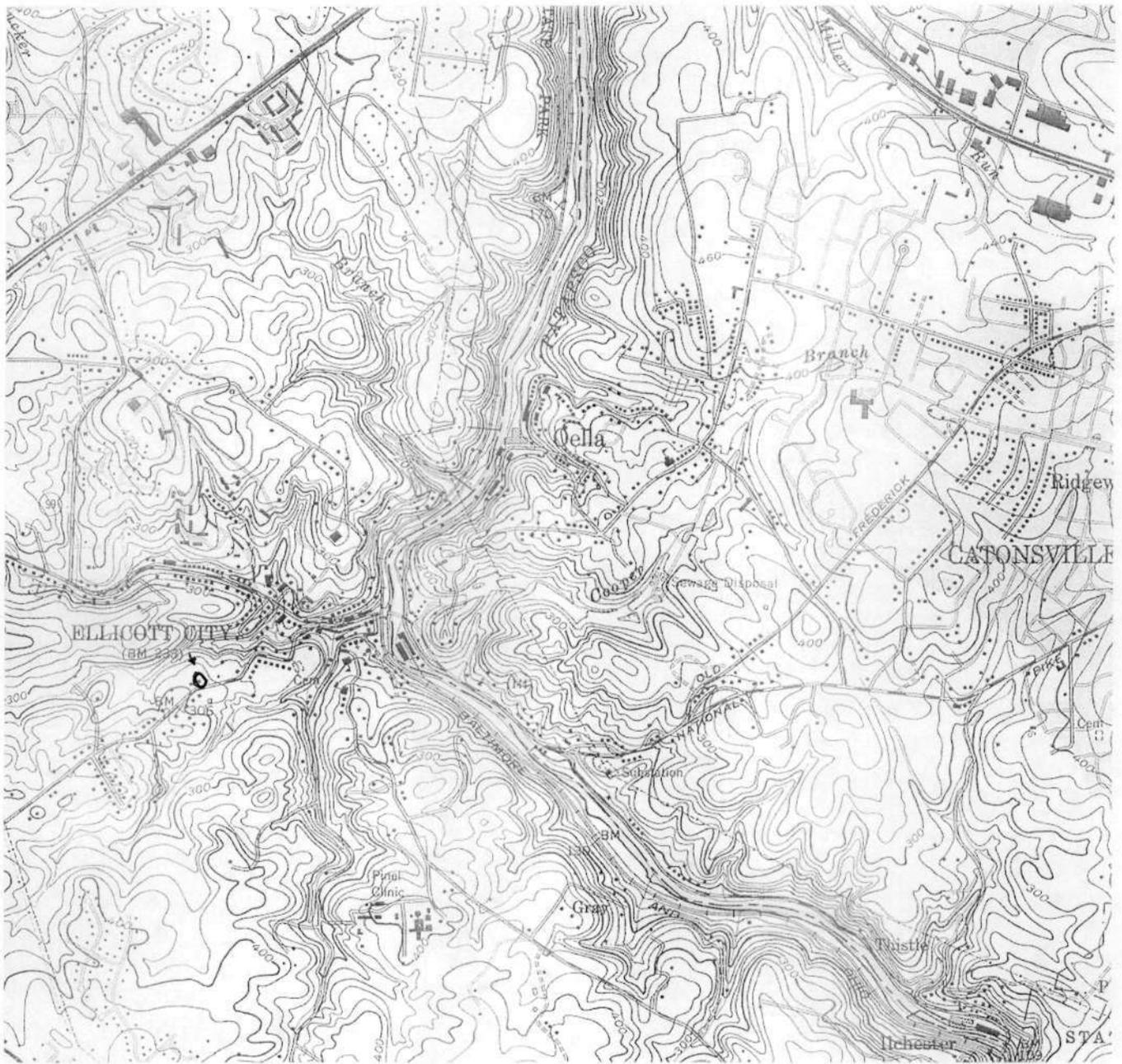


Distance:  ft

Zoom:  ft



Thomas Talbott House (HO-893)  
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*Site plan/Aerial photo*



Thomas Talbott House (HO) *HO-893*  
3864 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City  
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*USGS Ellicott City Quad*



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View N. Shows house.

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